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On my late visit to Copenhagen, Professor Reinhard pointed out an undescribed species of Bungarus from Java, preserved in the Royal Museum of Natural History (MSS. Cat., No. 128), which exhibits the same distribution of colours as the *Elaps flaviceps*, viz. the head and tail of a light yellow, the back bluish-black, the abdominal surface light yellow, the scutâ marked with a short black transverse band or check on each side.

ELAPS NIGROMACULATUS. *El. supernè pallidè brunneo-rubescens, maculis nigris albo-marginatis, lineis nigris junctis;—caudâ fasciis duabus nigris albo-marginatis cinctâ; abdomine flavo albescenti, alterne livido, lineâ nigrâ serratâ utrinque incluso.*

Scuta abdominalia 238.

Scuta subcaudalia 24.

Habitat. Sincapore.

Pale reddish brown above, with black white-edged spots, united by black lines; on the tail two black bands with white margins;—the abdominal surface whitish yellow, alternately blue-black, inclosed on both sides by a black serrated line.

ELAPS FURCATUS*, Schneider, Var. *El. supernè pallidè brunneo-rubescens, lineâ dorsali subflavâ nigro serratim marginatâ, caudâ fasciis tribus nigris cinctâ, abdomine flavo albescenti, lineâ nigrâ utrinque incluso.*

Scuta abdominalia 238.

Scutella subcaudalia 24.

Habitat. Sincapore.

Pale reddish brown, above with a light yellow dorsal line, with black serrated margins; on the tail three black bands; the abdominal surface whitish yellow, inclosed on each side by a black line.

B. Innocuous Serpents.

Genus CALAMARIA, Linné.

CALAMARIA SAGITTARIA. *Cal. partim cinerea, partim ferruginea, serie dorsali punctorum nigrorum, nuchâ capiteque albicantibus, imagine sagittæ nigræ ornatis; corpore squamis lævibus imbricatim tecto; abdomine citrino, punctis lateralibus nigris, vittâ lividâ utrinque incluso.*

Scuta abdominalia 224.

Scutella subcaudalia 69.

Habitat. Bengal, Tirhoot.

* Russell, II., No. xix.

Partly ash-coloured, partly rusty-brown, with a series of black dots along the back; the head and neck whitish, with an arrow-shaped black mark; covered with smooth rhomboidal imbricate scales; the stomach of a citrine colour, with lateral black dots, and a blue black band on either side.

Vernacular name, Dóblee.

CALAMARIA MONTICOLA. *Cal. olivaceo-fusca, collari lætè flavo, lineá dorsali albicante, abdomine citrino.*

Scuta abdominalia 125.

Scutella subcaudalia 44.

Habitat. Naga Hills in Asám.

Dark olive-brown, with a bright yellow collar and a whitish dorsal line; beneath of a citrine colour.

GENUS CORONELLA, Boie.

CORONELLA ALBOCINCTA. *Cor. viridè-canescens, fasciis transversalibus albis nigro marginatis, quorum intervalla nigro punctata; scutis abdominalibus albo-flavescentibus, alternè fuscis.*

Scuta abdominalia 181.

Scutella subcaudalia 65.

Habitat. Chirra Púnji, Asám.

Greyish-green, with white transverse bands, edged with black, the intervals dotted with black; the abdominal scuta alternately yellowish-white and deep brown.

Asámese name, Patdei-hee.

CORONELLA VIOLACEA. *Cor. violaceo-rubescens, squamis albo-marginatis, subtus margaritaceis.*

Scuta abdominalia 196.

Scutella subcaudalia 38.

Habitat. Rungpore.

Reddish violet; the scales edged with white; beneath pearl-coloured.

CORONELLA CYCLURA. *Cor. viridè-canescens striis nigris obliquis interruptis, abdomine margaritaceo, vittá tristè cinereá utrinque incluso.*

Scuta abdominalia 179.

Scutella subcaudalia 43.

Greyish-green, with black oblique interrupted stripes; the abdominal surface pearl-coloured, with a deep ashy-grey band on either side.

Vernacular name, Tukkr-Bora.

GENUS LYCODON, Boie.

LYCODON ATRO-PURPUREUS. *Ly. atro-purpureus albo nigroque marmoratus, abdomine margaritaceo.*

Scuta abdominalia 257.

Scutella subcaudalia 91.

Habitat. Mergui, Tenasserim.

Deep purple, marbled with white and black; beneath pearl-coloured.

LYCODON SUBFUSCUS. *Ly. subfuscus, abdomine albo flavescenti.*

Partly ash-coloured, partly rusty-brown, with a series of black dots along the back; the head and neck whitish, with an arrow-shaped black mark; covered with smooth rhomboidal imbricate scales; the stomach of a citrine colour, with lateral black dots, and a blue black band on either side.

Vernacular name, Dóblee.

CALAMARIA MONTICOLA. *Cal. olivaceo-fusca, collari lætè flavo, lineá dorsali albicante, abdomine citrino.*

Scuta abdominalia 125.

Scutella subcaudalia 44.

Habitat. Naga Hills in Asám.

Dark olive-brown, with a bright yellow collar and a whitish dorsal line; beneath of a citrine colour.

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Scuta abdominalia 181.

Scutella subcaudalia 65.

Habitat. Chirra Púnji, Asám.

Greyish-green, with white transverse bands, edged with black, the intervals dotted with black; the abdominal scuta alternately yellowish-white and deep brown.

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Scutella subcaudalia 38.

Habitat. Rungpore.

Reddish violet; the scales edged with white; beneath pearl-coloured.

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Scuta abdominalia 125.

Scutella subcaudalia 44.

Habitat. Naga Hills in Asám.

Dark olive-brown, with a bright yellow collar and a whitish dorsal line; beneath of a citrine colour.

GENUS CORONELLA, Boie.

CORONELLA ALBOCINCTA. *Cor. viridè-canescens, fasciis transversalibus albis nigro marginatis, quorum intervalla nigro punctata; scutis abdominalibus albo-flavescentibus, alternè fuscis.*

Scuta abdominalia 181.

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Greyish-green, with white transverse bands, edged with black, the intervals dotted with black; the abdominal scuta alternately yellowish-white and deep brown.

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Habitat. Rungpore.

Reddish violet; the scales edged with white; beneath pearl-coloured.

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Greyish-green, with black oblique interrupted stripes; the abdominal surface pearl-coloured, with a deep ashy-grey band on either side.

Vernacular name, Tukkr-Bora.

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Scuta abdominalia 257.

Scutella subcaudalia 91.

Habitat. Mergui, Tenasserim.

Deep purple, marbled with white and black; beneath pearl-coloured.

LYCODON SUBFUSCUS. *Ly. subfuscus, abdomine albo flavescenti.*

Scuta abdominalia 245.

Scutella subcaudalia 78.

Habitat. Bengal.

Light brown; yellowish white beneath.

Vernacular name, Chittee.

Genus COLUBER, Boie.

COLUBER DHUMNA. *Col. olivaceo-viridis, squamis nigro-marginatis, abdomine margaritaceo, scutis scutellisque nigro-clavatis.*

Scuta abdominalia 187.

Scutella subcaudalia 119.

Habitat. Carnatic, Orissa, Bengal, Nepal, Asám, Arracan, Tenasserim.

Olive-green; the scales edged with black; the stomach pearl-coloured, edged with black.

Vernacular name, Dhumna or Dhameen.

COLUBER PORPHYRACEUS. *Col. lætè porphyraceus, lineis nigris transversalibus albo-marginatis, pone quas lineæ duæ nigrae dorsales, æquidistantes; subtus lætè flavus.*

Scuta abdominalia 213.

Scutella subcaudalia 64.

Habitat. Míshmee Hills, Asám.

Bright porphyry-red, with black transverse lines edged with white, the posterior portion of the body with two black parallel dorsal lines; beneath light yellow.

COLUBER QUADRIFASCIATUS. *Col. supernè lætè brunneo-viridescens fasciis dorsalibus iv. nigris, albo interruptis; infra flavus.*

Scuta abdominalia 248.

Scutella subcaudalia 82.

Habitat. Asám.

Above light greenish-brown, with 4 black dorsal bands interrupted with white; beneath yellow.

COLUBER CURVIROSTRIS. *Col. supra partim lætè olivaceo-viridis, punctis et lineis obliquis albis nigrisque, partim æneus; abdomine subfusco.*

Scuta abdominalia 220.

Scutella subcaudalia 85.

Habitat. Bengal.

Above bright olive-green, with white and black dots, and oblique bronze-coloured lines; beneath light yellow.

Vernacular name, Tukkr-Bora.

COLUBER RETICULARIS. *Col. supernè brunneo-nigrescens, annulis albidis reticulatis, contiguis et lineis ejusdem coloris transversalibus ornatus, caudá brunneá nigrescenti, alternè griseo-flavescenti; infra griseo-flavescens nigro-maculatus.*

Scuta abdominalia 229.

Scutella subcaudalia 75.

Habitat. Chirra Púnji.

Blackish-brown, with whitish confluent netted rings and trans-

Scuta abdominalia 245.

Scutella subcaudalia 78.

Habitat. Bengal.

Light brown; yellowish white beneath.

Vernacular name, Chittee.

Genus COLUBER, Boie.

COLUBER DHUMNA. *Col. olivaceo-viridis, squamis nigro-marginatis, abdomine margaritaceo, scutis scutellisque nigro-clavatis.*

Scuta abdominalia 187.

Scutella subcaudalia 119.

Habitat. Carnatic, Orissa, Bengal, Nepal, Asám, Arracan, Tenasserim.

Olive-green; the scales edged with black; the stomach pearl-coloured, edged with black.

Vernacular name, Dhumna or Dhameen.

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Blackish-brown, with whitish confluent netted rings and trans-

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Habitat. Bengal.

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Scuta abdominalia 187.

Scutella subcaudalia 119.

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Olive-green; the scales edged with black; the stomach pearl-coloured, edged with black.

Vernacular name, Dhumna or Dhameen.

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Scuta abdominalia 213.

Scutella subcaudalia 64.

Habitat. Míshmee Hills, Asám.

Bright porphyry-red, with black transverse lines edged with white, the posterior portion of the body with two black parallel dorsal lines; beneath light yellow.

COLUBER QUADRIFASCIATUS. *Col. supernè lætè brunneo-viridescens fasciis dorsalibus iv. nigris, albo interruptis; infra flavus.*

Scuta abdominalia 248.

Scutella subcaudalia 82.

Habitat. Asám.

Above light greenish-brown, with 4 black dorsal bands interrupted with white; beneath yellow.

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Olive-green ; the scales edged with black ; the stomach pearl-coloured, edged with black.

Vernacular name, Dhumna or Dhameen.

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Scuta abdominalia 213.

Scutella subcaudalia 64.

Habitat. Míshmee Hills, Asám.

Bright porphyry-red, with black transverse lines edged with white, the posterior portion of the body with two black parallel dorsal lines ; beneath light yellow.

COLUBER QUADRIFASCIATUS. *Col. supernè lætè brunneo-viridescens fasciis dorsalibus iv. nigris, albo interruptis ; infra flavus.*

Scuta abdominalia 248.

Scutella subcaudalia 82.

Habitat. Asám.

Above light greenish-brown, with 4 black dorsal bands interrupted with white ; beneath yellow.

COLUBER CURVIROSTRIS. *Col. supra partim lætè olivaceo-viridis, punctis et lineis obliquis albis nigrisque, partim æneus ; abdomine subfusco.*

Scuta abdominalia 220.

Scutella subcaudalia 85.

Habitat. Bengal.

Above bright olive-green, with white and black dots, and oblique bronze-coloured lines ; beneath light yellow.

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Scuta abdominalia 229.

Scutella subcaudalia 75.

Habitat. Chirra Púnji.

Blackish-brown, with whitish confluent netted rings and trans-

verse lines of the same colour; the tail alternately blackish-brown and yellowish-grey; beneath yellowish-grey spotted with black.

COLUBER BIPUNCTATUS. *Col. supra tristè vinoso-purpureus squamis albo bipunctatis, subtus albo-cærulescens.*

Scuta abdominalia 181.

Scutella subcaudalia 52.

Habitat. Bengal, Asám.

Deep claret-purple above; each scale with two white dots; beneath bluish-white.

COLUBER MONTICOLUS. Hodgson. *Col. supernè luteo-rubescens fasciis transversalibus nigris, scutis abdominalibus albo-flavescentibus nigro marginatis.*

Habitat. Nepál.

Reddish dun-coloured above, with black transverse bands; the abdominal scuta yellowish-white, with black margins.

Subgen. *HURRIAH*, Daudin.

HURRIAH SANGUIVENTER, (*COLUBER SANGUIVENTER*, Hodgson.)

Hur. supernè vinoso-purpureus æneo nitens, abdomine sanguineo.

Scuta abdominalia 207.

Scuta subcaudalia 14.

Scutella subcaudalia 85.

Habitat. Nepál.

Above claret-purple, with metallic lustre; beneath blood-coloured.

Genus *HERPETODRYAS*, Boie.

HERPETODRYAS PRIONOTUS. *Her. supra fusco flavescens, nigropunctatus, fasciâque dorsali serratâ nigricante; abdomine flavo, fasciâ serratâ nigricante utrinque incluso.*

Scuta abdominalia 153.

Scutella subcaudalia 65.

Habitat. Malacca.

Above yellowish-brown, dotted with black, and with a serrated blackish dorsal band; the abdominal surface yellow, with a blackish serrated band on either side.

Genus *PSAMMOPHIS*, Boie.

PSAMMOPHIS CERASOGASTER. *Psam. fulvus aureo pallidè nitens, squamis hexagonis rhomboidalibus summis carinatis, cæteris lævibus tectus; abdomine ceriseo, lineâ læte flavâ utrinque incluso.*

Scuta abdominalia 149.

Scutella subcaudalia 60.

Habitat. Bengal, Asám.

Yellowish-brown, shining with a pale gold colour, with hexagonal rhomboidal scales, the uppermost of which are keeled, the rest smooth; the abdominal surface cherry-coloured, with a bright yellow line on either side.

Vernacular name, Lál Mitállee.

PSAMMOPHIS NIGROFASCIATUS. *Psam. supernè subflavo-rubescens fasciis latis transversalibus nigris, lincisque duabus barbatis*

verse lines of the same colour ; the tail alternately blackish-brown and yellowish-grey ; beneath yellowish-grey spotted with black.

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COLUBER MONTICOLUS. Hodgson. *Col. supernè luteo-rubescens fasciis transversalibus nigris, scutis abdominalibus albo-flavescentibus nigro marginatis.*

Habitat. Nepál.

Reddish dun-coloured above, with black transverse bands ; the abdominal scuta yellowish-white, with black margins.

Subgen. *HURRIAH*, Daudin.

HURRIAH SANGUIVENTER, (*COLUBER SANGUIVENTER*, Hodgson.)

Hur. supernè vinoso-purpureus æneo nitens, abdomine sanguineo.

Scuta abdominalia 207.

Scuta subcaudalia 14.

Scutella subcaudalia 85.

Habitat. Nepál.

Above claret-purple, with metallic lustre ; beneath blood-coloured.

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Scuta abdominalia 153.

Scutella subcaudalia 65.

Habitat. Malacca.

Above yellowish-brown, dotted with black, and with a serrated blackish dorsal band ; the abdominal surface yellow, with a blackish serrated band on either side.

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PSAMMOPHIS CERASOGASTER. *Psam. fulvus aureo pallidè nitens, squamis hexagonis rhomboidalibus summis carinatis, cæteris lævibus tectus ; abdomine ceriseo, lineâ læte flavâ utrinque incluso.*

Scuta abdominalia 149.

Scutella subcaudalia 60.

Habitat. Bengal, Asám.

Yellowish-brown, shining with a pale gold colour, with hexagonal rhomboidal scales, the uppermost of which are keeled, the rest smooth ; the abdominal surface cherry-coloured, with a bright yellow line on either side.

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Scuta abdominalia 181.

Scutella subcaudalia 52.

Habitat. Bengal, Asám.

Deep claret-purple above ; each scale with two white dots ; beneath bluish-white.

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Habitat. Nepál.

Reddish dun-coloured above, with black transverse bands ; the abdominal scuta yellowish-white, with black margins.

Subgen. *HURRIAH*, Daudin.

HURRIAH SANGUIVENTER, (*COLUBER SANGUIVENTER*, Hodgson.)

Hur. supernè vinoso-purpureus æneo nitens, abdomine sanguineo.

Scuta abdominalia 207.

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Habitat. Nepál.

Above claret-purple, with metallic lustre ; beneath blood-coloured.

Genus *HERPETODRYAS*, Boie.

HERPETODRYAS PRIONOTUS. *Her. supra fusco flavescens, nigropunctatus, fasciâque dorsali serratâ nigricante ; abdomine flavo, fasciâ serratâ nigricante utrinque incluso.*

Scuta abdominalia 153.

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Scuta abdominalia 245.

Scutella subcaudalia 75.

Habitat. Sincapore.

Light reddish-yellow above, with broad transversal black bands, and with two barbed dorsal lines of the same colour; the interval between these dorsal lines dotted with black; the abdominal surface whitish.

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Scuta abdominalia 186.

Scutella subcaudalia 129.

Habitat. Bengal, Ceylon.

Brownish black, with a light brown dorsal band; the abdominal surface yellowish white, with a band of the same colour on either side; the rostrum subobtusum.

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Scuta abdominalia 171.

Scutella subcaudalia 57.

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Rusty-brown, with a few black and white spots; the abdominal surface rusty-yellow, dotted with white and black.

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Scuta abdominalia 193.

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Scuta abdominalia 259.

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